



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – November 2022

The following data is authorised for release by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) and relates to the number of formal indictments (*Information*) filed in the High Courts of Fiji by the Director of Public Prosecutions throughout the month. This data is confined to incidents of serious sexual offences only.

There were 23 people charged with a total of 60 counts of sexual offences in November. The offences were rape (36) attempted rape (1), abduction with intent to commit rape (3), assault with intent to commit rape (1), indecent assault (3), defilement (2) and sexual assault (14).

Of the 23 accused persons two were juveniles. There was one female accused person and 22 male accused persons.

There were 24 victims of whom 16 victims were under the age of 18 years. There was one male victim and 23 female victims

There were 12 incidents where the victims and the accused were related to one another.

A 16-year-old boy was charged with the rape of a 15-year-old girl. The accused and the victim were from the same school.

In another incident, a 13-year-old girl was charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 9-year-old girl.

There was one incident where a 66-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 7-year-old grandniece.

A 47-year-old man was charged with four counts of rape and five representative counts of sexual assault of his 16-year-old daughter while in another incident, a 45-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 10-year-old stepdaughter.

There was one incident where a 50-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 21-year-old niece while in another incident, a 45-year-old man was charged with the sexual assault of his 11-year-old niece after he procured her to witness a pornographic video on his phone.

A 20-year-old man was charged with five counts of rape and two counts of sexual assault of his 14-year-old stepsister.

A 22-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 11-year-old cousin.

There were three incidents of marital rape. A 27-year-old man was charged with the rape and assault causing actual bodily harm to his 27-year-old wife while in another incident, a 30-year-old man was

charged with the rape and assault causing actual bodily harm to his 29-year-old wife. **(NB: *The offence of assault causing actual bodily harm is recorded separately*).**

In another incident, a 24-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 24-year-old wife.

A 21-year-old man was charged with five counts of rape and assault with intent to commit rape of his 23-year-old de facto partner.

There was one incident where a 32-year-old man was charged with the rape, defilement and abduction with intent to commit rape of a 15-year-old girl while in another incident, a 30-year-old man was charged with the abduction of a 14-year-old girl.

A 43-year-old man was charged with the defilement of a 16-year-old girl. The accused was the friend of the victim's father.

There was one incident where a 31-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 13-year-old girl. The accused approached the victim whilst she was walking to school.

A 30-year-old man was charged with the rape of an 18-year-old woman. The victim was a tourist and the accused was a resort worker.

There was one incident where a 64-year-old man was charged with three counts of indecent assault of a 13-year-old girl and a 14-year-old girl.

A 41-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 5-year-old boy from his village.

There was one incident where a 25-year-old man was charged with the rape and abduction with the intent to commit rape of a 16-year-old girl, however, this matter was discontinued due to unreliable evidence.

In another incident, a 45-year-old man was charged with the rape, attempted rape and sexual assault of and 18-year-old woman, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

Four cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to a false complaint, unreliable and insufficient evidence.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences November 2022* for a break-down of these statistics.



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics November 2022

	Rape	Attempted rape	Abduction with intent to commit rape	Assault with intent to commit rape	Indecent assault	Defilement	Sexual assault	Total
No. of Counts	36	1	3	1	3	2	14	60
Total No. of Victims	20	1	3	1	2	2	8	24*
No. of Victims under 18 years	11	0	3	0	2	2	5	16*
Total No. of Accused Persons	19	1	3	1	1	2	8	23*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	4	1	1	1	0	1	1	4*
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	11	1	0	1	0	0	6	12*
No. of False Complaints	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Source: ODPP Fiji

*** Please note that a number of rape victims as well as victims under the age of 18 years and victims in domestic relationship were also victims of other serious sexual offences. Similarly, a number of accused persons were also charged with more than one offence.**

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